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G.O. No. 4052

Dated 4.11.47

[Despatch Abstract.]

Act.- Arms Act and Rules - Weapons of prohibited bore - Grant of licences - Instructions of the Government of India - Communicated.

No.21/106/46 Police
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs.

From

P.M.Ismail, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

To

All Provincial Governments.

NEW DELHI-3, the 11th October 1947.

Sir,

The question of issuing licences for weapons of Prohibited bore has been engaging the attention of this Ministry of late. Although the law on this point dictates that licences for such weapons should be restricted to the utmost, current events go a long way to show that due vigilence has not been exercised in this connection. It is to be emphasised that so far as licences for prohibited bores are concerned the District Magistrate should not treat ex-Army personnel on a footing different from that of the general public, and, in any case, he should not be influenced by sentimental reasons usually preferred by applicants who claim licences on the ground that such weapons were part of their equipment. Unless the District Magistrate is absolutely certain of the credientials and reliability of an applicant for a prohibited bore and has some very special reasons for the grant of such a licence he should, as a matter of course, refuse to sanction it. It is to be clearly understood that strictness in this connection cannot be over-done and that all possible care and vigilence should be exercised even to the extent of cancelling the existing licences where the District Magistrate has no special reasons for their maintenance. It is requested that necessary instructions may be issued to all the District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police in your Province for the enforcement of this policy.

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HOME DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No.4052 dated 4-11-47.
READ- the following:

Letter from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, No.21/106/46-Police, dated 11-10-47

O R D E R :

Communicated to all District Magistrates and the Commissioner of Police, Madras for information and guidance. They are requested to review the cases of all existing licences for the possession of weapons of prohibited bore and if they consider that there are no special reasons for their continuance the licences should be cancelled.

2. The Inspector General of Police is requested to issue suitable instructions to District Superintendents of Police for the enforcement of the police outlined by the Government of India.

Sd/-xxxxxxxx,
3-11-47

To the All District Magistrates.
To the Commissioner of Police, Madras 8.

P.T.O.

To the Board of Revenue Madras.2.
To the Inspector of General of Police, Madras.4.

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Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office.

No.9/16/49-Police
Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

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From

U.K.Ghoshal, Esquire., I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

NEW DELHI-3, the 26th May, 1949.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No.21/106/46-Police, dated the 21st/22nd October, 1947 in which the Provincial Governments were advised that weapons of prohibited bore, which certain classes of police officers are expected to buy as part of their equipment, should not, under any condition, be allowed to become their private property on their demitting office. The above view was consistent with the policy of not increasing the number of weapons of prohibited bores with private persons, which is the only status that retired police officers could claim. As service bore weapons are issued out of Government stock, permission to retain such weapons on demitting office results in certain number of weapons going outside the Government's stocks every year, which have to be replaced by further issues.

P.T.O.

It has been represented that the instructions contained in the letter mentioned above should be reconsidered and that such police officers as are required to buy prohibited bore weapons as a part of their equipment should be allowed to possess them on their demitting office. It has been urged in favour of this view that permission to continue the possession of those weapons by retired police officers is regarded in some measure as an appreciation of the services rendered by them and that the number of weapons which thus goes into the hands of the private persons is comparatively small. Before the Government of India consider this representaion they would be glad to be furnished with the Provincial Governments/ views in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- (U.K.Ghoshal)
Deputy Secretary to Government of India

Home Department.

Letter /Ref.No.474346/49-2, dated 6-7-49.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Arms Act - Weapons of prohibited bore - possession of by Police Officers after retirement.

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Ref: Mr. Goshal's letter No.9/16/49-Police dated 26-5-1949.

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I am directed to say that the Government of Madras are of opinion that Gazetted Police Officers of this Province should be allowed to purchase prohibited bore weapons to form part of their equipment during their tenure of office and that they should be permitted to continue to possess such weapons even after retirement on free licences granted on the condition specified in item(5) in schedule VII to the Indian Arms Rules.

Yours faithfully,

6 -7 - 1949.

Copy to the Inspector General of Police, Madras.4.

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